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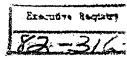
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May 19, 1982

Admiral Bobby Inman
Deputy Director Central
Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Admiral Inman:

For many years, our firm has been engaged in economic analysis and planning throughout the world, and especially in the underdeveloped and less industrialized nations. As a result of our experience, we believe that we have an unusual understanding of the factors which determine national economic stress. Furthermore, we have become expert in devising and employing analytical techniques and methods which permit meaningful analyses of limited, and often unreliable, international economic data.

As Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, Lt. General Eugene F. Tighe, now retired, often expressed interest in the use of economic analysis to develop a long-range strategic barometer of economic stress in countries and regions. General Tighe has worked with us to determine how we could use our expertise to provide an unclassified, worldwide collection, analysis and reporting service which would serve as such a barometer. Based on this work, we have developed a reporting concept, and a proposal for its implementation, which we believe to be feasible.

A short time ago, we briefed Lt. General James Williams, the current Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, and key members of his staff on our concept and proposal. General Williams' reaction was quite favorable and he indicated that our proposal should be presented to the National Foreign Intelligence Board for intelligence community assessment.

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At this point, we believe that it would be useful to have reactions to our concept and proposal from the Central Intelligence Agency. Accordingly, we would appreciate an opportunity to brief you and others at CIA at any time you would find convenient.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

John Beyer President

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CC: Lt. General James Williams Director, DIA